THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) After the incident which occurred on 9-2-1985 detailed instructions were reiterated on the precautions to be taken by the staff in the electroplating shop. A training programme on "Safety in Plating Workshop" was also conducted.

Maintenance and building of National Highways by Private Sector

3060. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are proposing to involve the private sector in developing toll roads and highways in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) by when the scheme is likely to be put into operation;

(d) whether it is a fact that in July, 1985 Government invited the offers from private sector for building and maintaining national highways projects; and

(e) if so, what has been the response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following types of schemes have been considered suitable for private sector financing:—

(1) Selected byepasses around big cities.

(2) New facilities such as Expressways..

(3) New Bridges.

(4) Four-laning of two-lane sections with two fast lanes with toll fee and two slow lanes without toll fee.

In selecting such schemes the following criteria will have to be fulfilled.

(1) The new facility should not result in a monopoly and hence there should be an alternative facility available to the general public.

(2) The source of funds for the private entrepreneurs should be from their own resources and open market borrowings.

(3) The entrepreneur will be allowed to fix the tariffs according to his commercial judgement subject to the interest of the users being protected through the existence of a toll-free facility.

(c) Final decision will be taken only after scrutiny of the details of the individual offers.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Three firm offers for construction of Poona Byepass and one offer for widening of Kanpur-Lucknow Section of NH. 25 to four lanes, have been received.

Entitlement of Central Government Employees for admission to the Nursing Home of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital

3061. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the pay scale of Central Government employees for the entitlement of a room in the Nursing Home of Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi;

(b) whether the entitled Central Government employees in emergency are given a room in the Nursing Home;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;